IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Dave Emerson

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For: SURFACE ANALYSIS PRECEDING ELECTROFUSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the accompanying substitute specification. No new matter is presented. The examiner is afforded the opportunity to make an independent judgment by inspection of the alternative accompanying substitute specification, provided in amendment format (ie., insertions underlined, deletions struck out).

IN THE DRAWING:

Proposed drawing corrections are submitted herewith in accordance with a Proposal for Correction of the Drawing which accompanies this amendment on a separate sheet. Applicant requests approval to submit corrected drawings as shown on eleven (11) sheets attached to the Proposal therefor. The specific corrections involve insertion of reference numerals only, generally applicable to all the figures, and as shown in red. No new matter is presented.

Approval of the proposed changes is respectfully requested. Upon allowance, applicant will submit formal drawings embodying the approved changes, as explained in the separate Proposal for the Correction of the Drawing.